

Pattern Recognition Receptors

Seeing and responding to danger

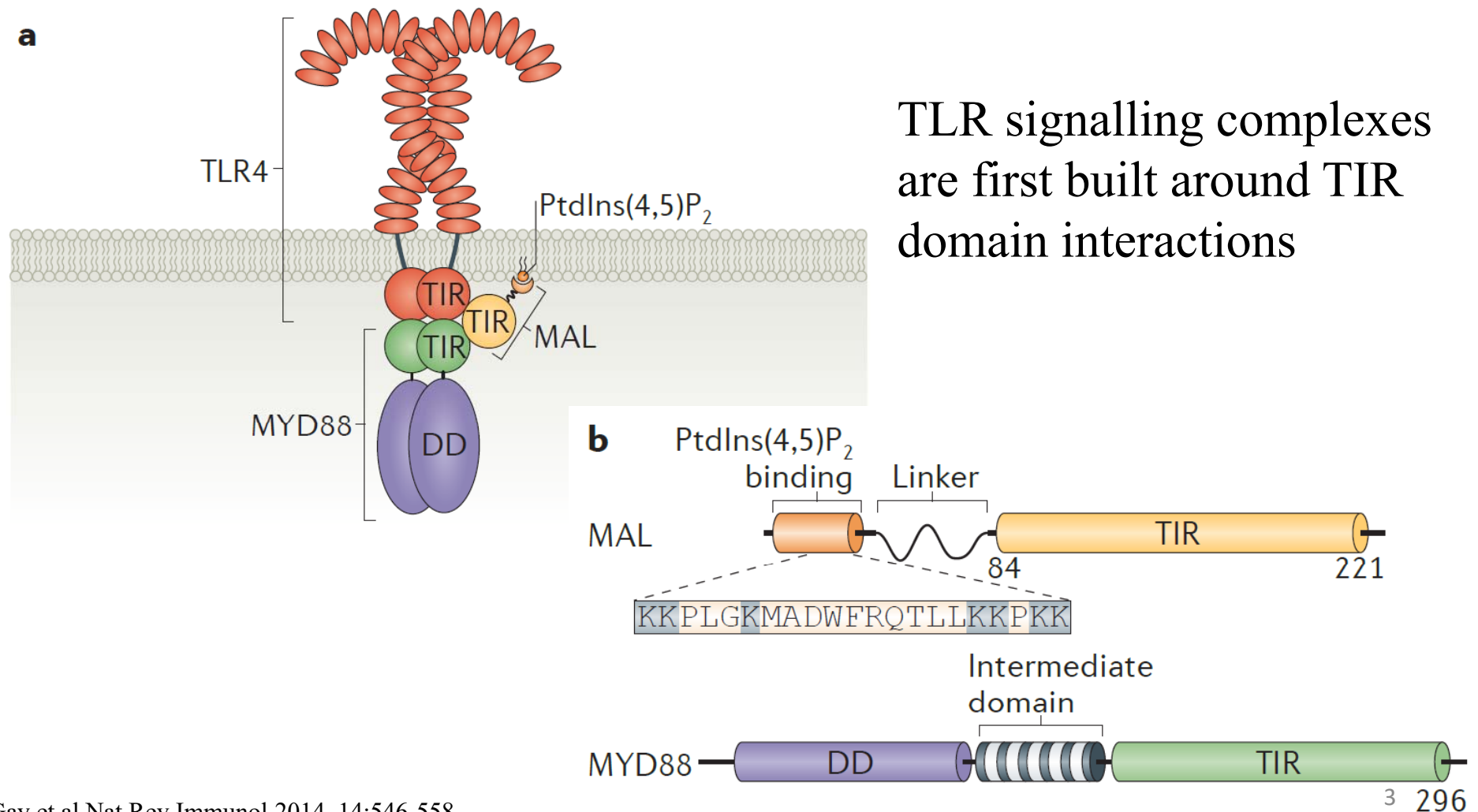
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Lecture 2

Lecture overview

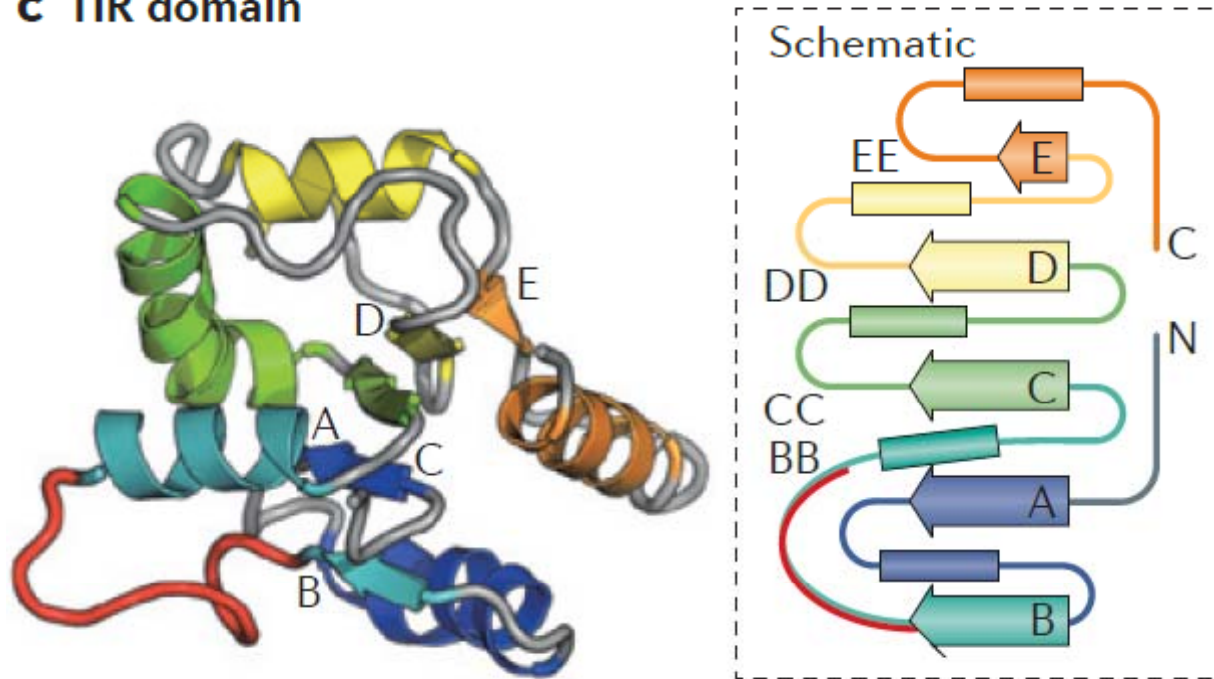
- PRR signalling pathways
 - Activation and signal transduction
- Ligand recognition by TLRs and NLRs
- Macromolecular signalling complexes
 - Myddosome and inflammasome
- Detection of LPS
 - cell surface versus cytoplasm
- PRRs and disease

Multiprotein macromolecular PRR signalling complexes



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c TIR domain

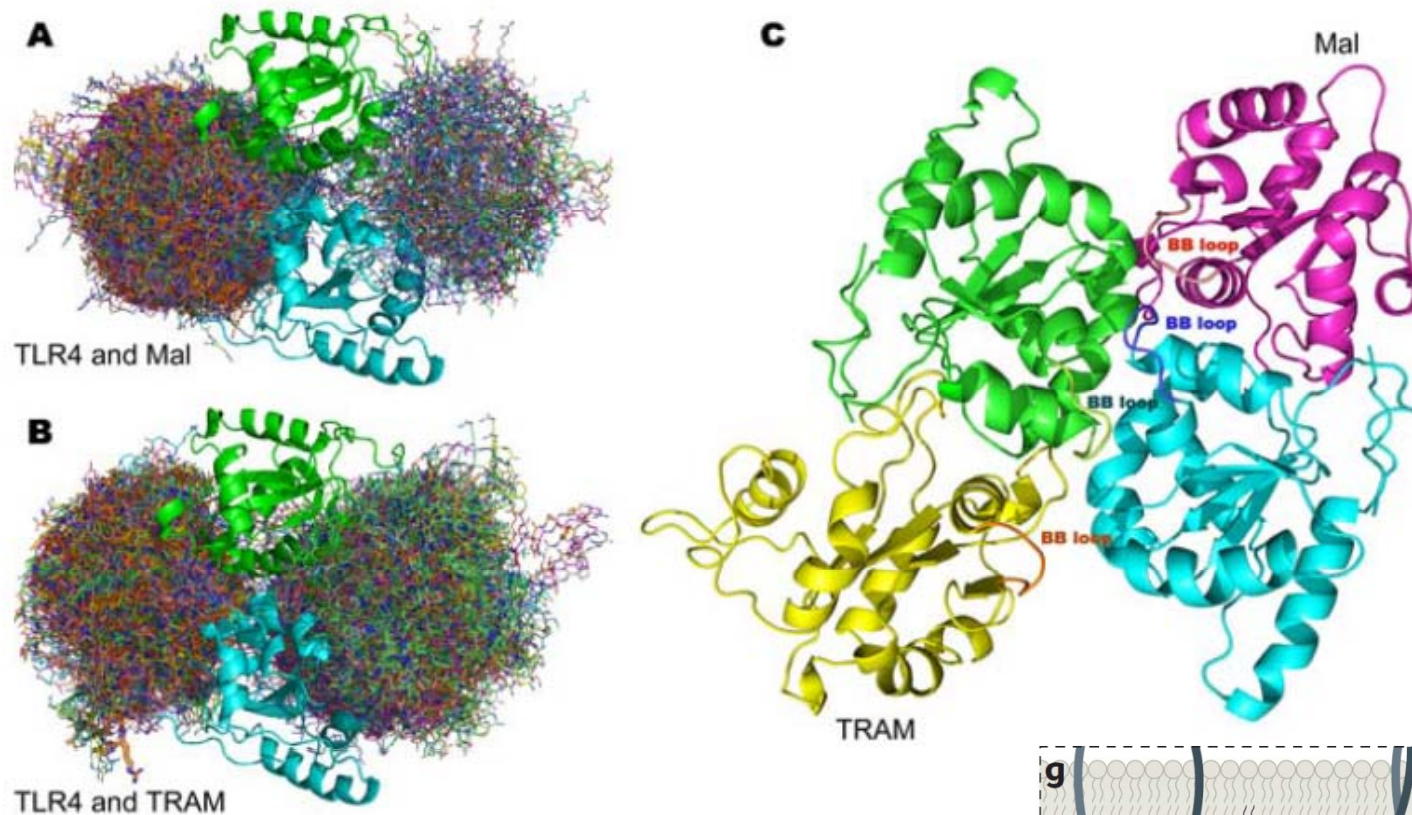


The BB loop is a key functional part of the TIR

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TLR1mm
TLR2mm
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TLR3hs
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TLR4hs
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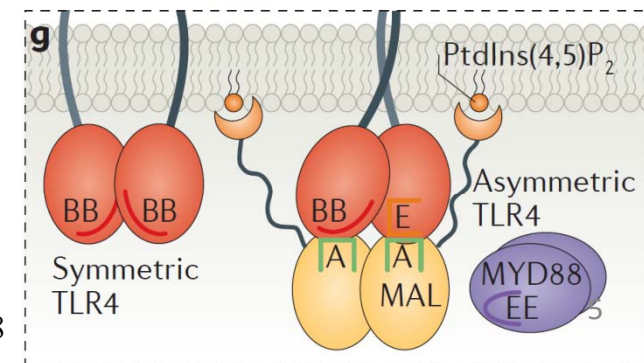
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SMEKED.....Q	SLKFCLRDFE	AGVFEE
SPMEEQDQS...L	KFCLEERDFE	AGCLGLE
LEEGVPP...F	QLCLHYRDFI	PGVAIA
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Multiprotein macromolecular PRR signalling complexes

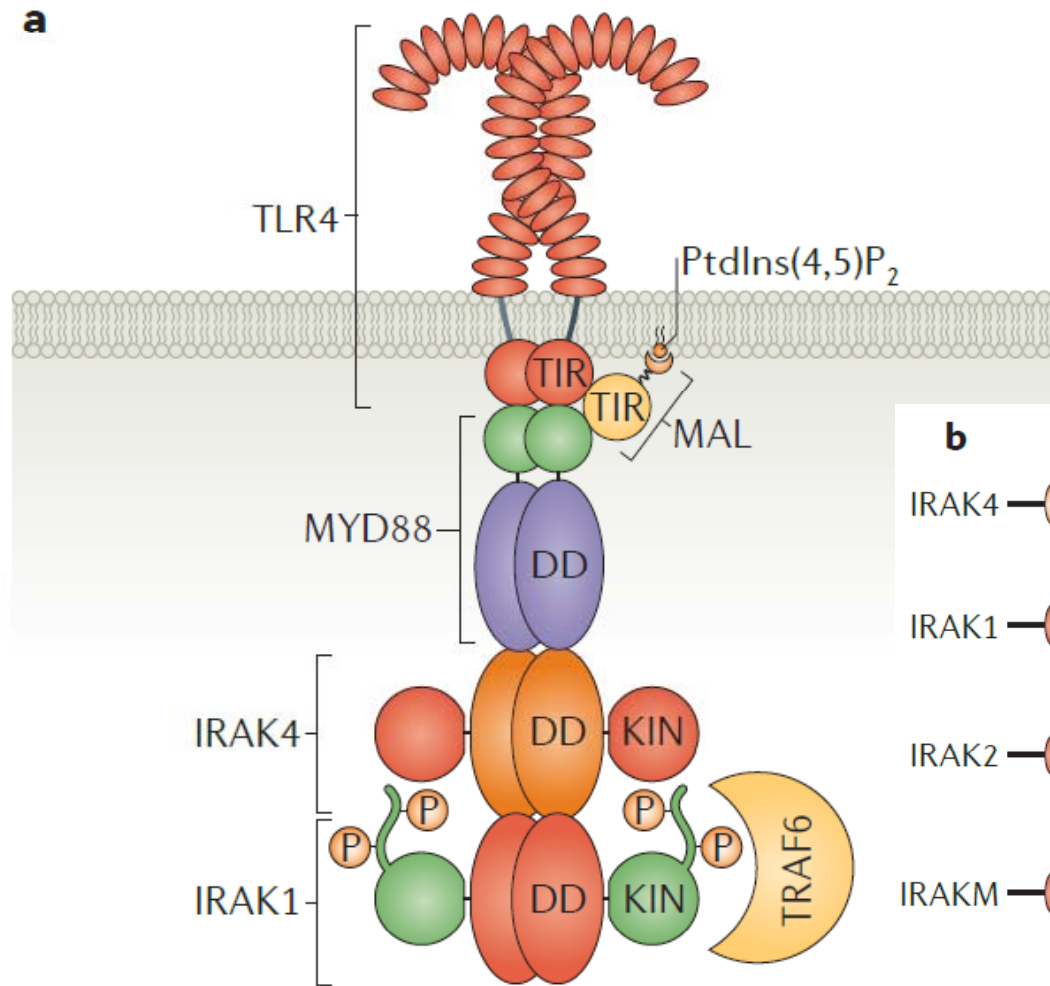


Interactions may be symmetric or asymmetric

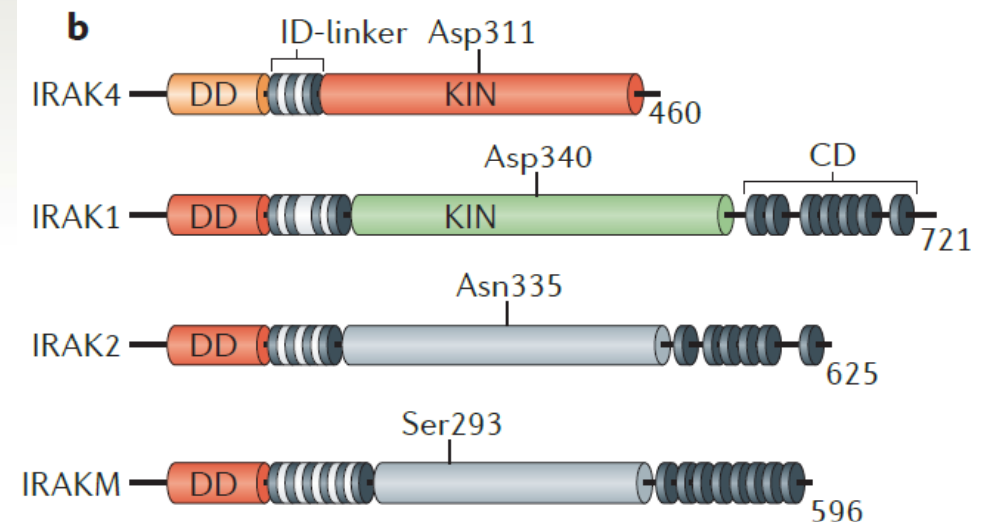
Nunez Miguel et al PLoS One 2007 8:e788 & Gay et al Nat Rev Immunol 2014 14:546-558



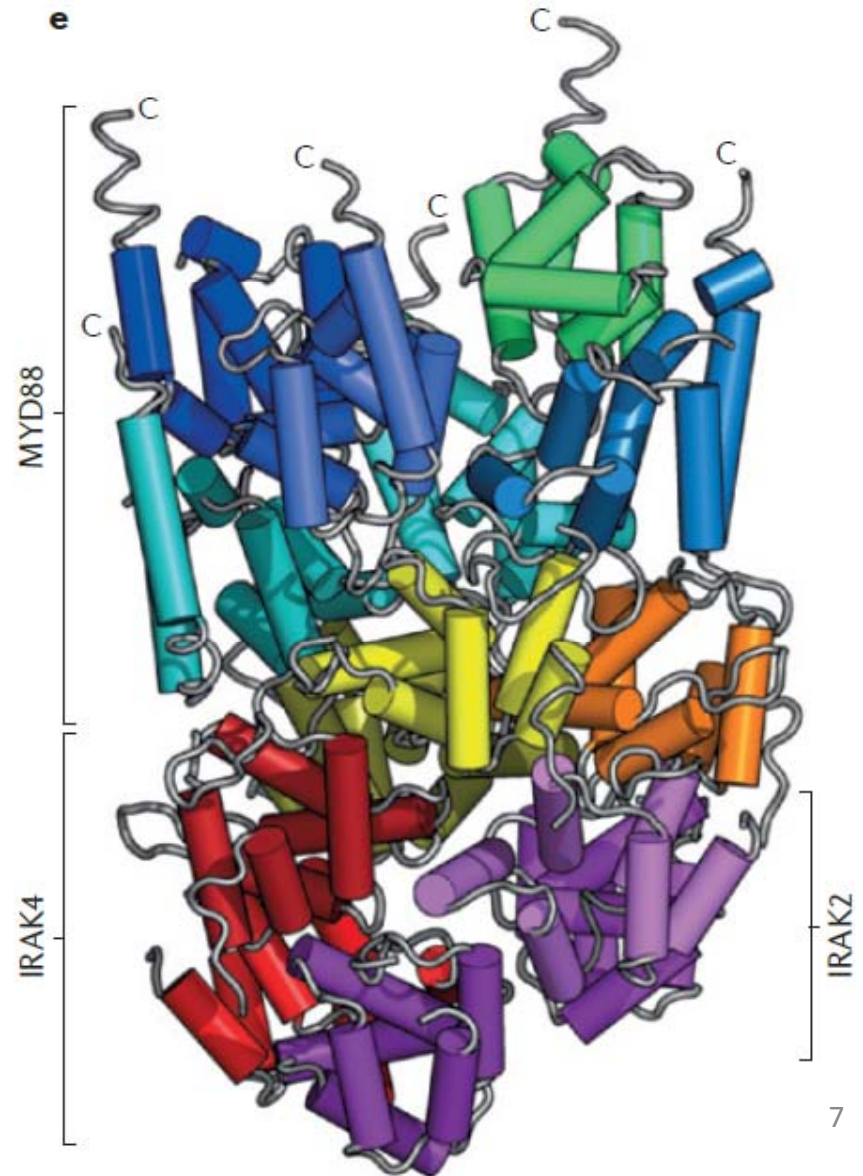
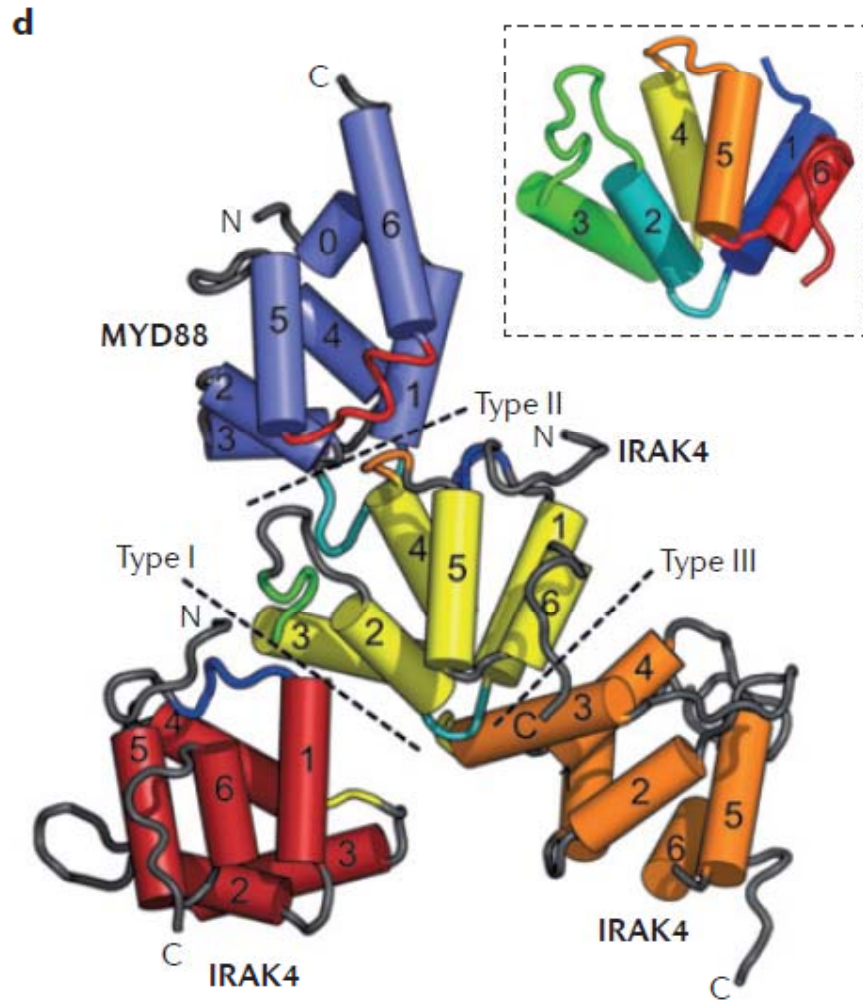
Multiprotein macromolecular PRR signalling complexes – the Myddosome



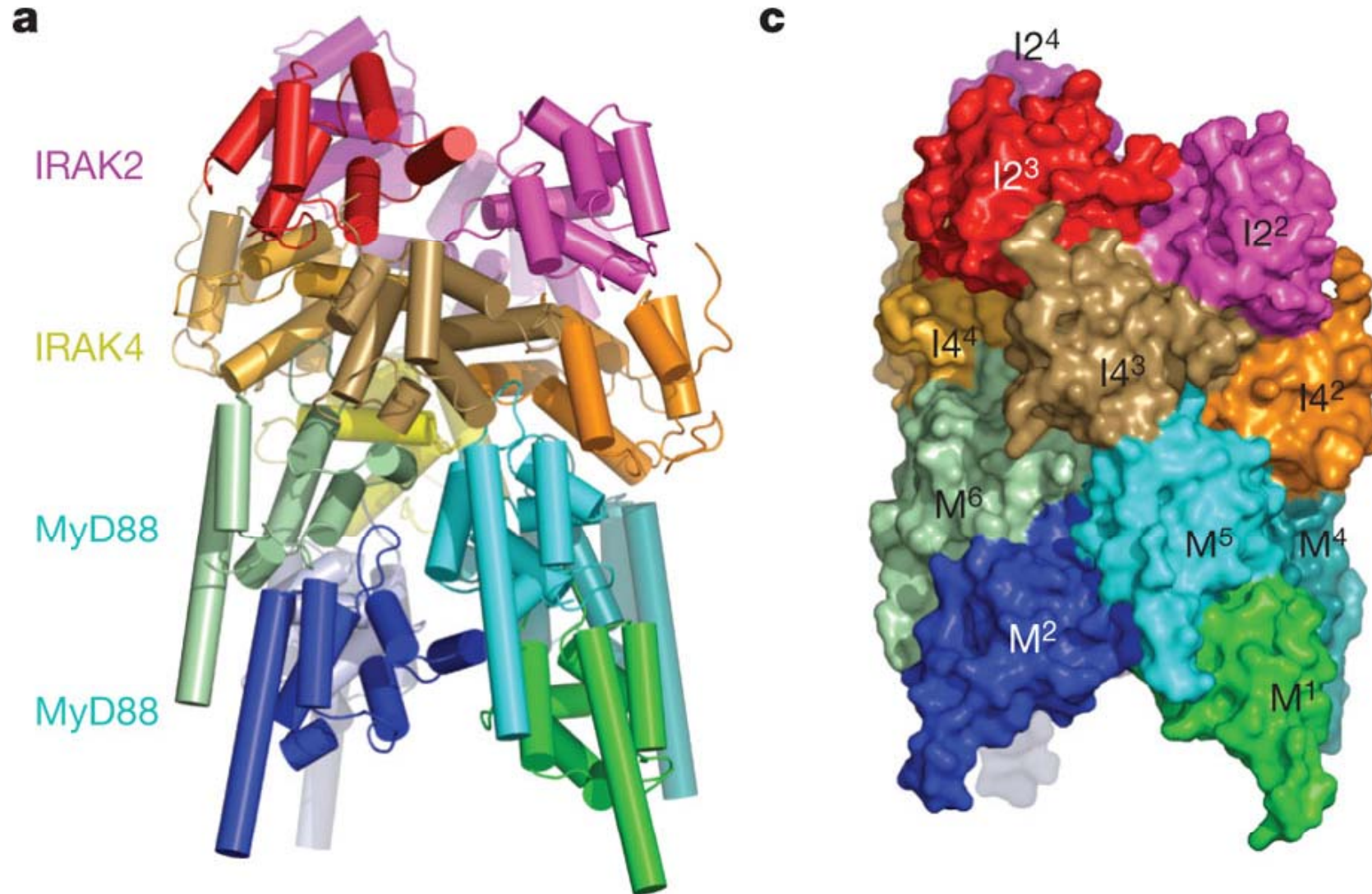
After the TIR:TIR interactions come the Death domain: Death domain complexes



The Myddosome



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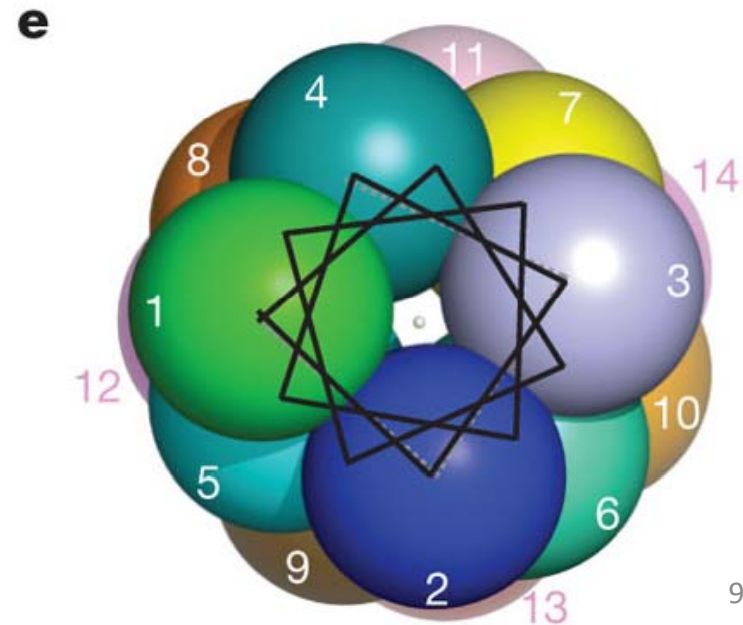
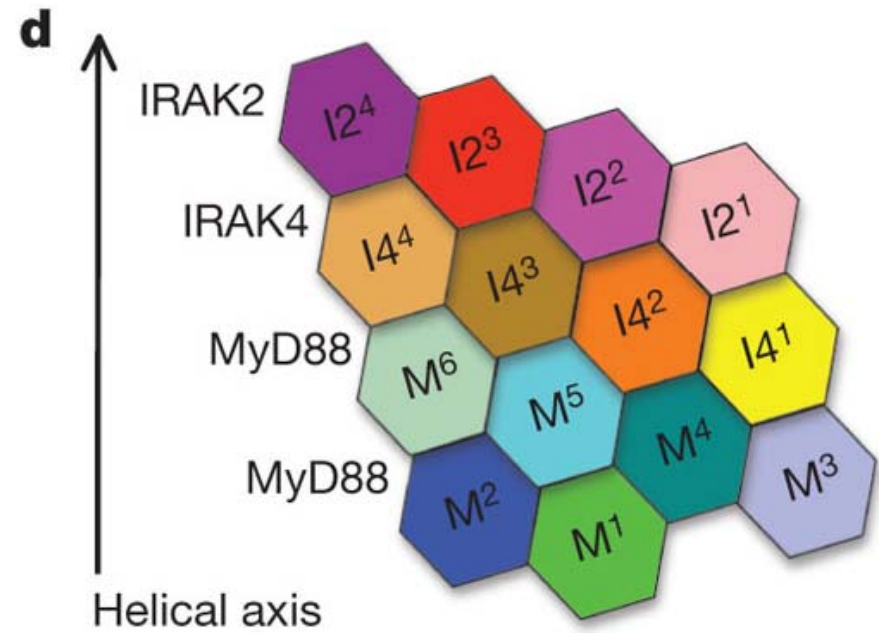


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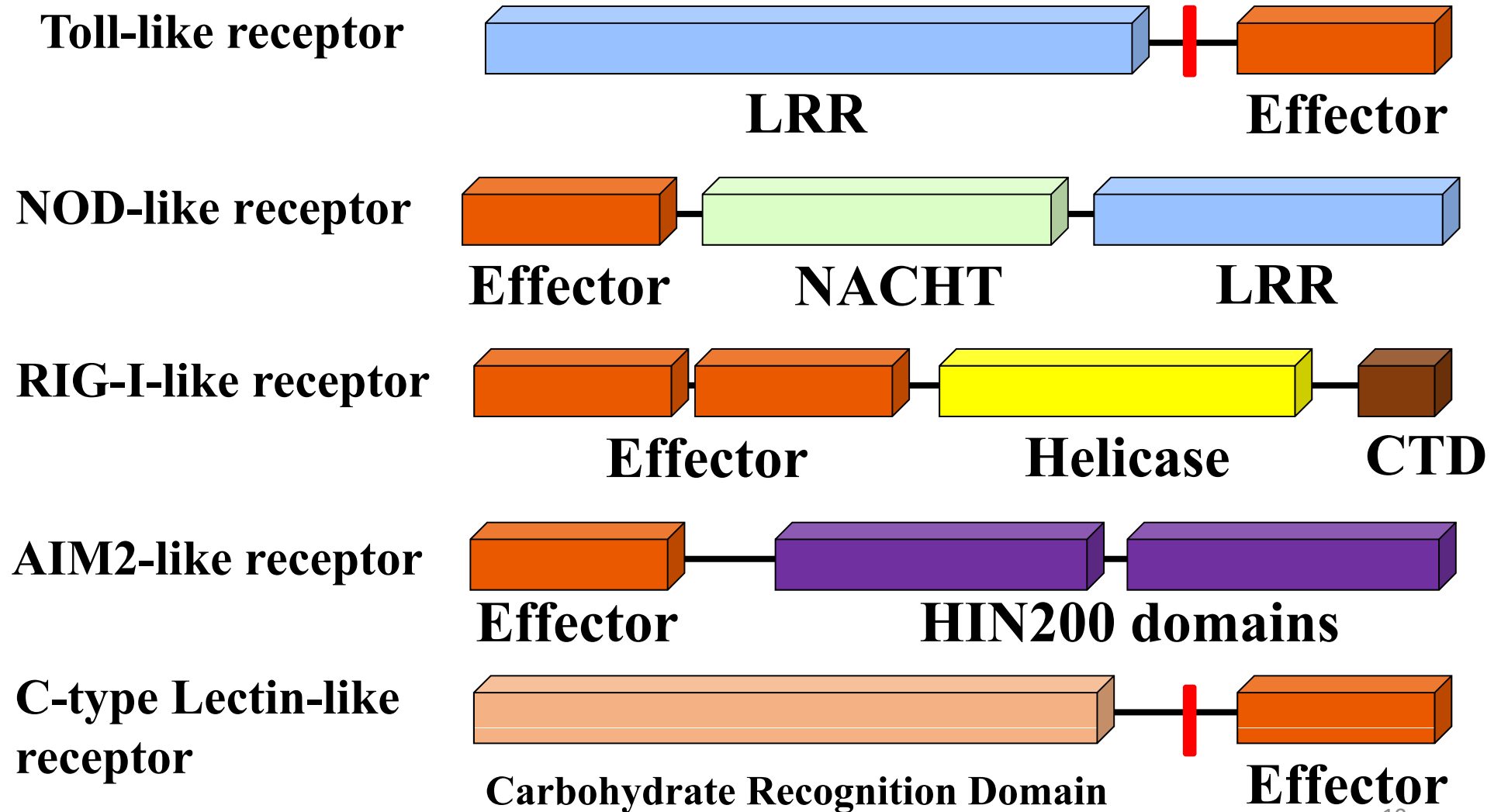
The Myddosome has a helical conformation – common in death domain complexes, especially overexpressed ones.

There is ongoing debate about the complex stoichiometry (MyD88:IRAK4 - 7:4 or 8:4)

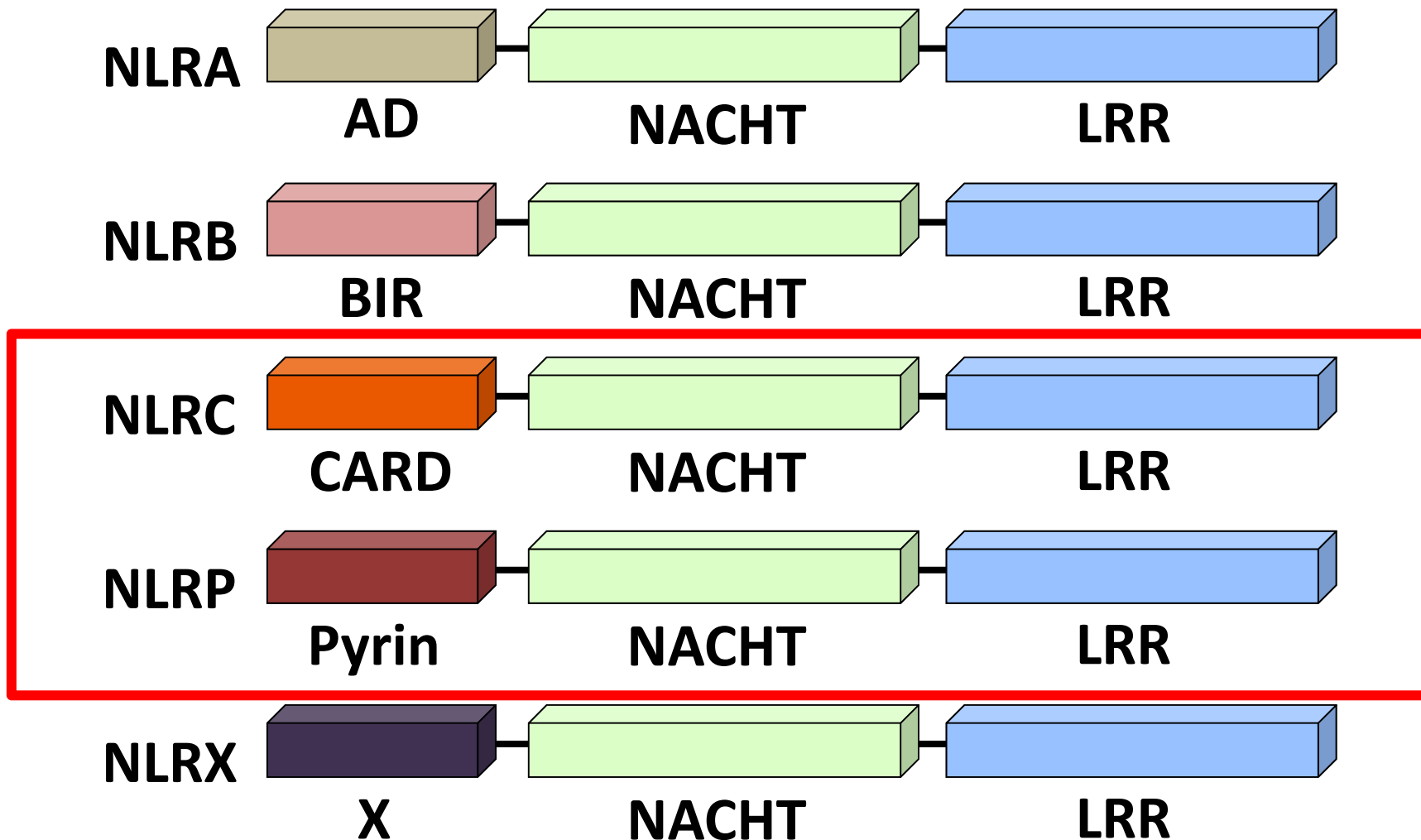
The actual complex in the cell may be much much bigger.



PRR Domain Structure



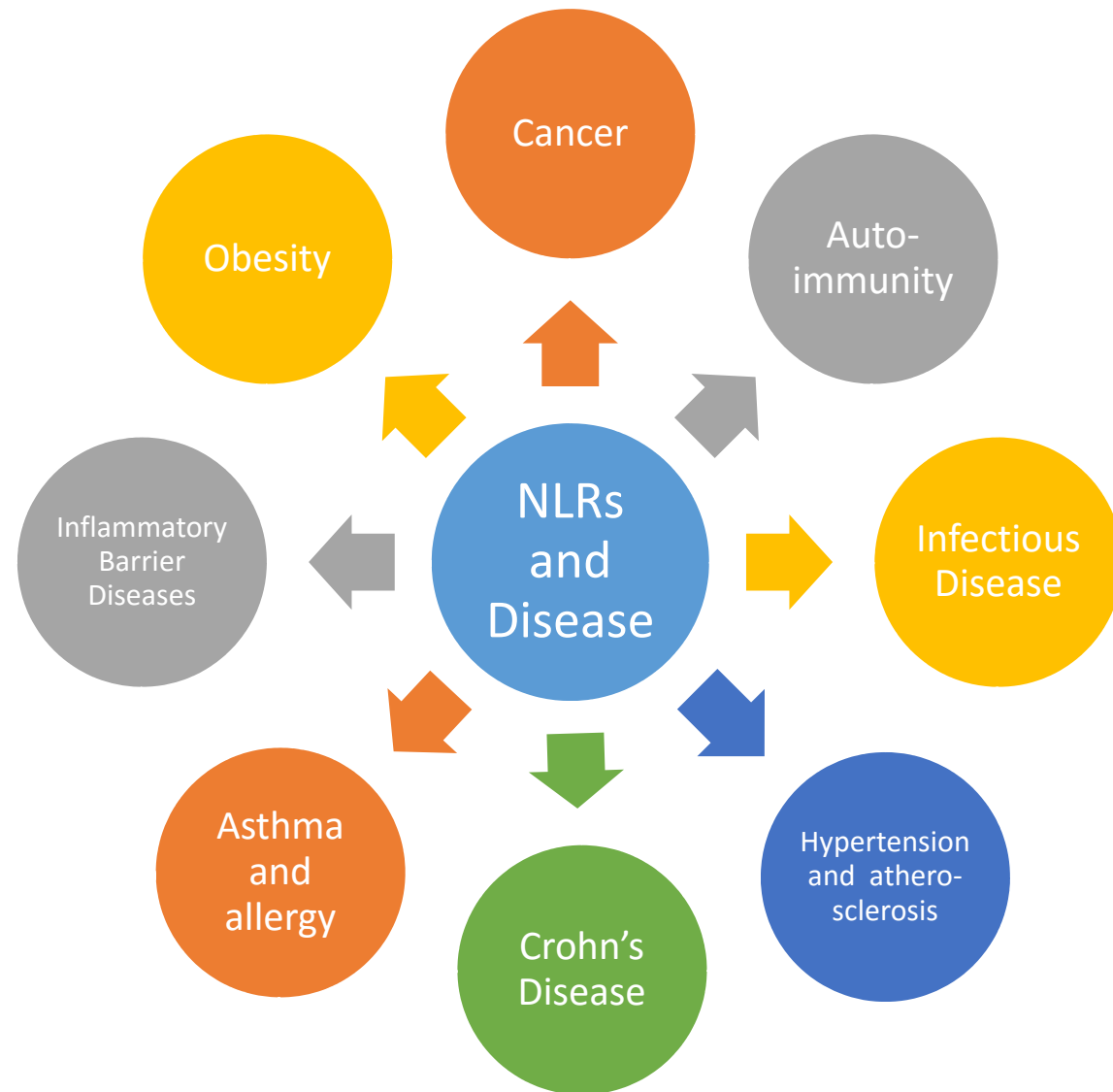
The NLR family of PRRs



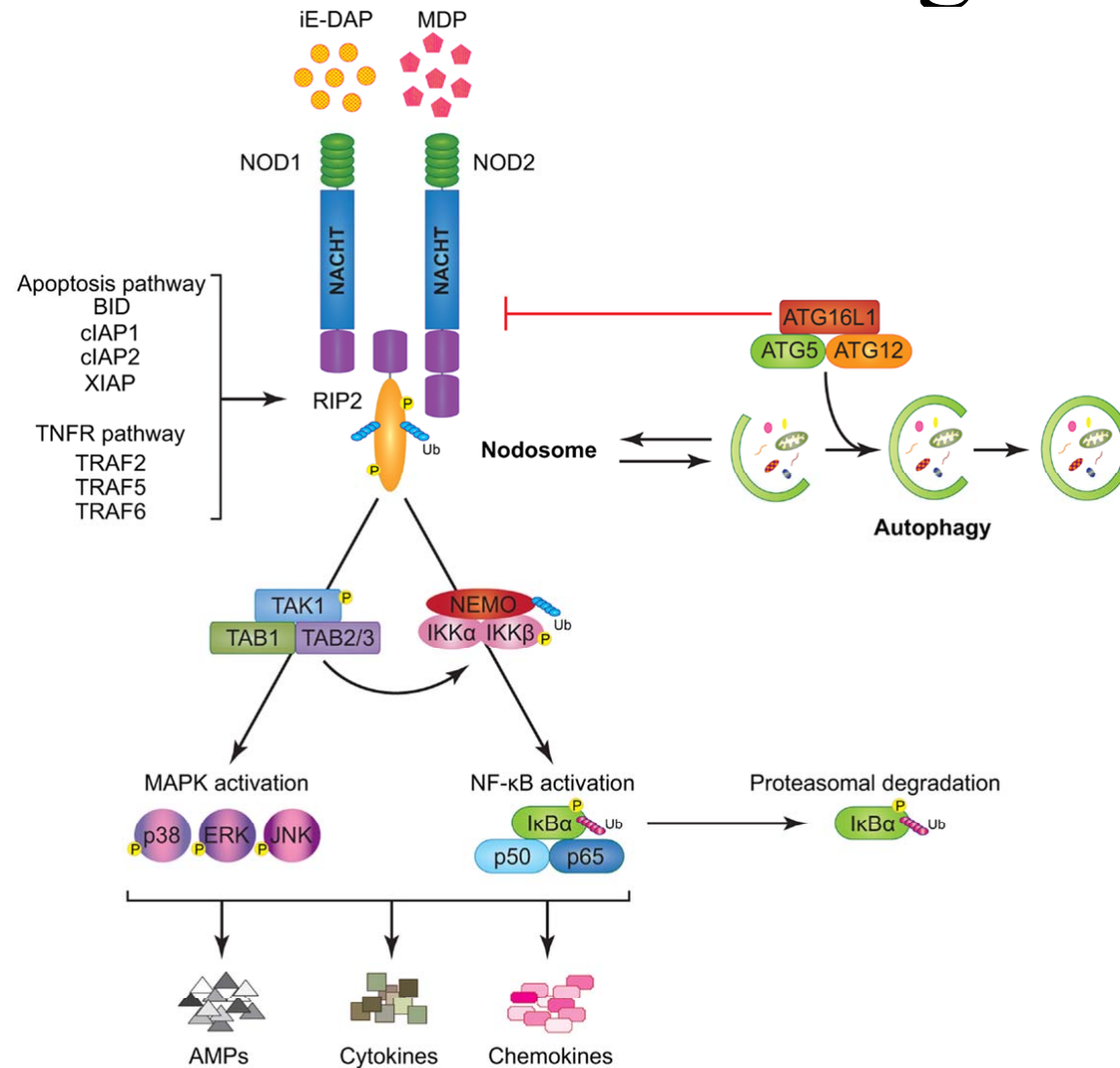
What do the NLR family do?

- Upregulate a pro-inflammatory immune response via NFkB and stress kinase pathways (NOD1, NOD2)
- Form a large multiprotein complex (inflammasome), resulting in caspase-1 processing and IL-1b and IL-18 secretion (NLRC4/NAIP, NLRP1, NLRP3)
- Immunoregulation – transcriptional control of MHC-I (NLRC5) and MHC-II (CIITA)
- Roles in development
- Rich diversity in cross-species NLR repertoire

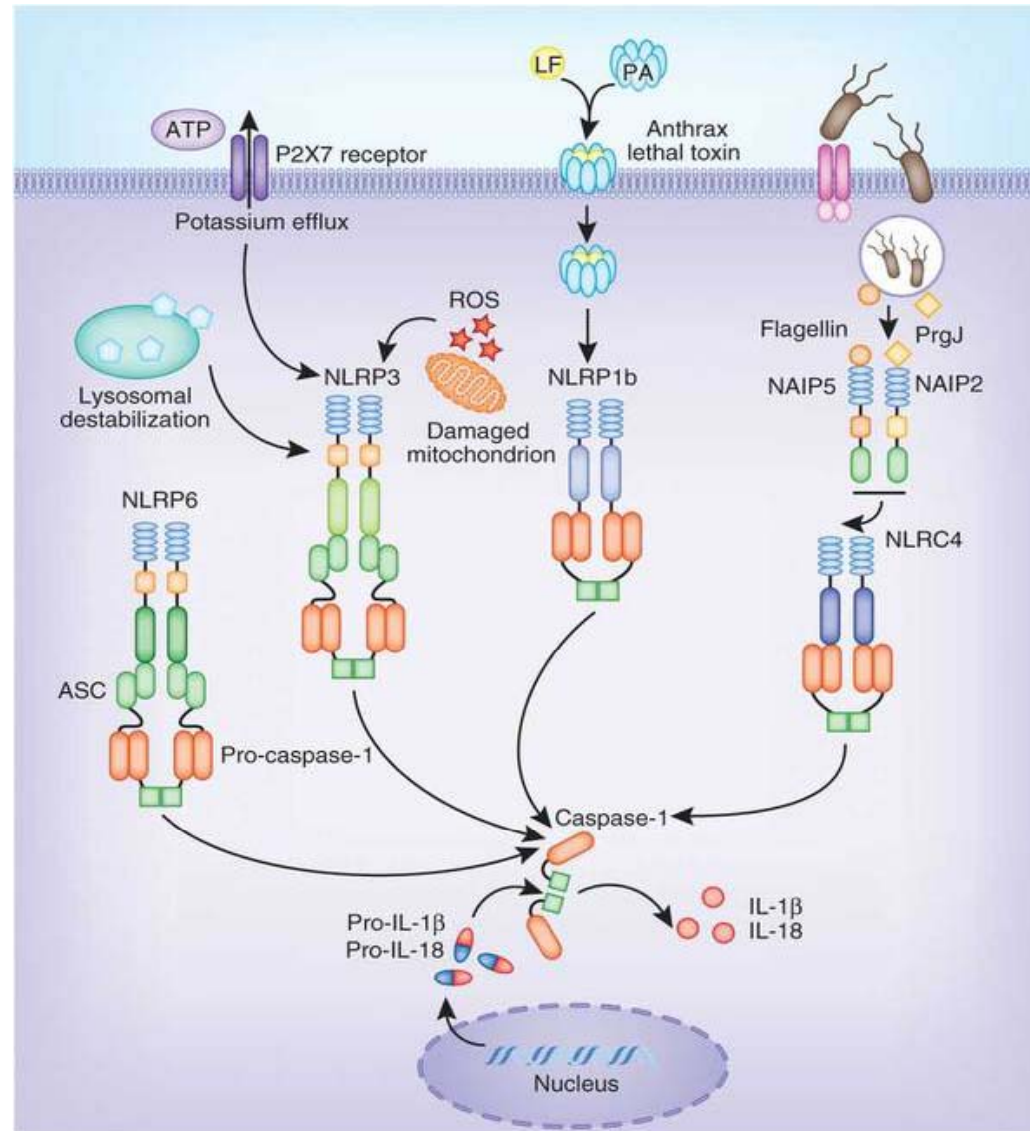
Why the interest in NLRs?



NOD1 and NOD2 signalling



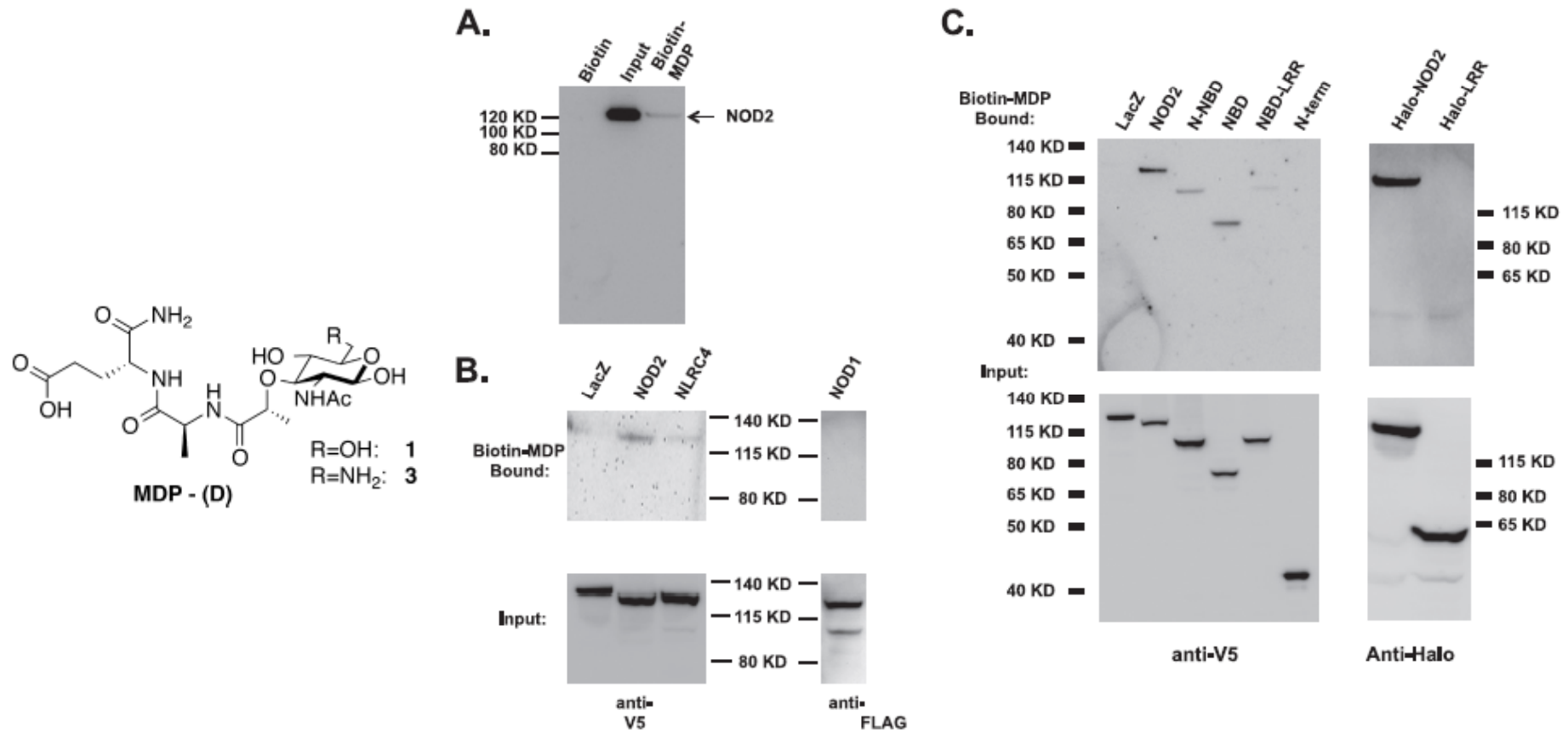
Inflammasome signalling



NLR activation

- Direct ligand binding
 - NOD1 (ie-DAP)
 - NOD2 (Muramyl dipeptide)
 - NLRC4/NAIP – FlhC (flagellin), Type 3 secretion systems rod proteins e.g. PrgJ
 - NLRX1 – ssRNA dsRNA
- Indirect activation or an unidentified direct ligand
 - NLRP3 – ATP, Uric acid, Nigericin, cholesterol, alum, silica, pore-forming toxins, potassium efflux, mitochondrial DNA

NLR activation – NOD2



Muramyl dipeptide binds directly to NOD2, but which domain is important?

Mo *et al.*, (2012) JBC 287(27): 23057-67
Grimes *et al.*, (2012) JACS 134(33): 13535-7

NLR activation – NLRX1

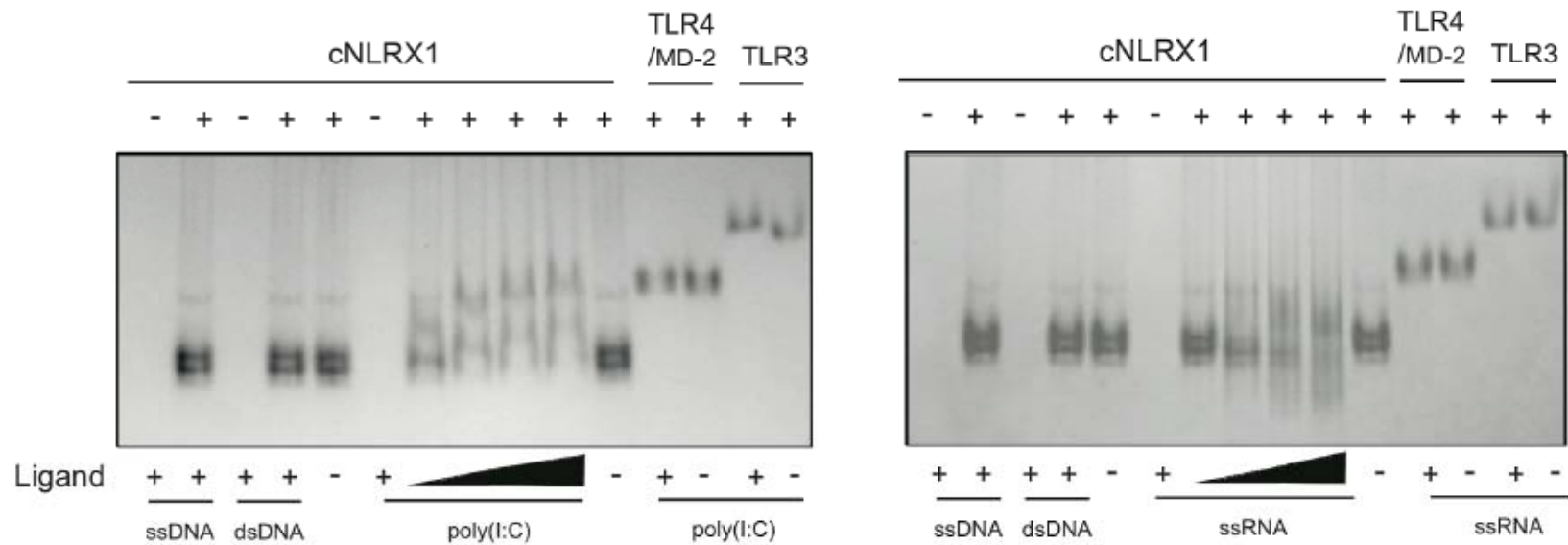
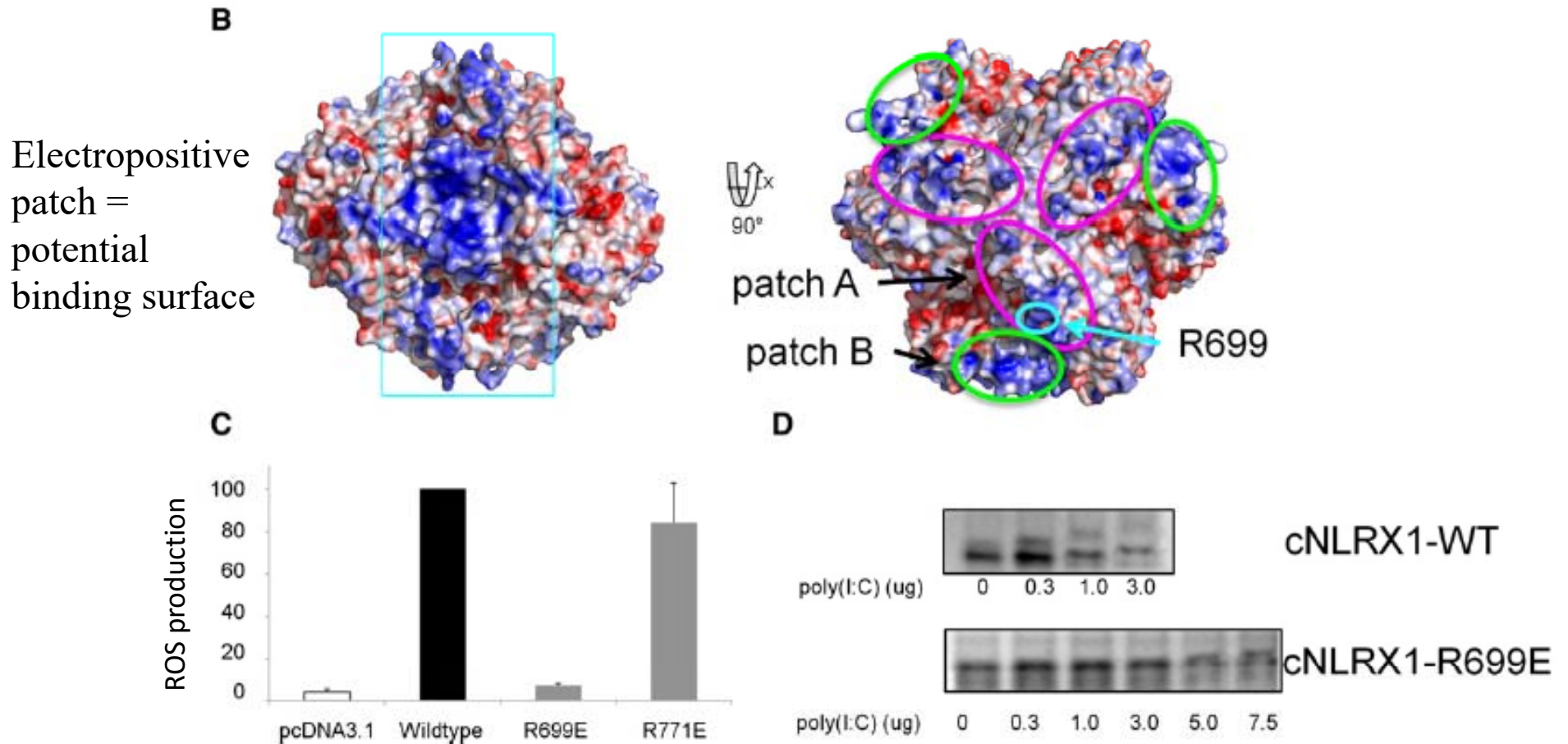


Figure S4. cNLRX1-RNA interaction.

cNLRX1 interaction with viral RNA mimic, poly(I:C) (left) and ssRNA (right) was analyzed by native PAGE. The extracellular LRR domain of TLR4 in complex with MD-2 was included as a negative control. The extracellular LRR domain of TLR3 that binds only to dsRNA was included in the analysis as positive and negative controls for poly(I:C) and ssRNA binding, respectively.

Binds both ssRNA and dsRNA (poly(I:C))

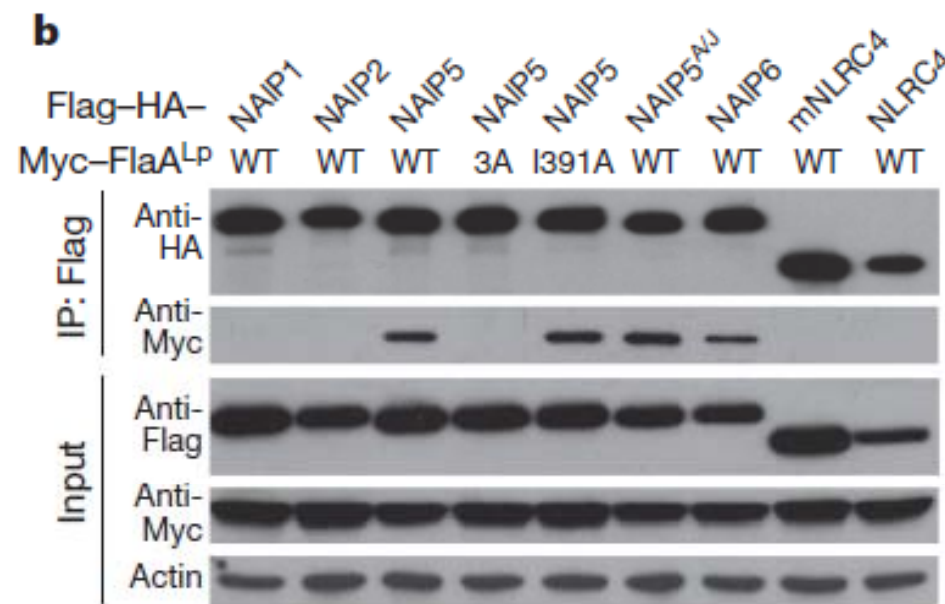
NLR activation – NLRX1



R699, but not R771, crucial to interaction with RNA ligand

NLR activation – NLRC4/NAIP inflammasome

NLRC4 functions in conjunction with another NLR (NAIP) to form a functional inflammasome. Humans have a single NAIP, mice have a number of orthologs of which NAIP1, NAIP2, NAIP5 and NAIP6 are functional.



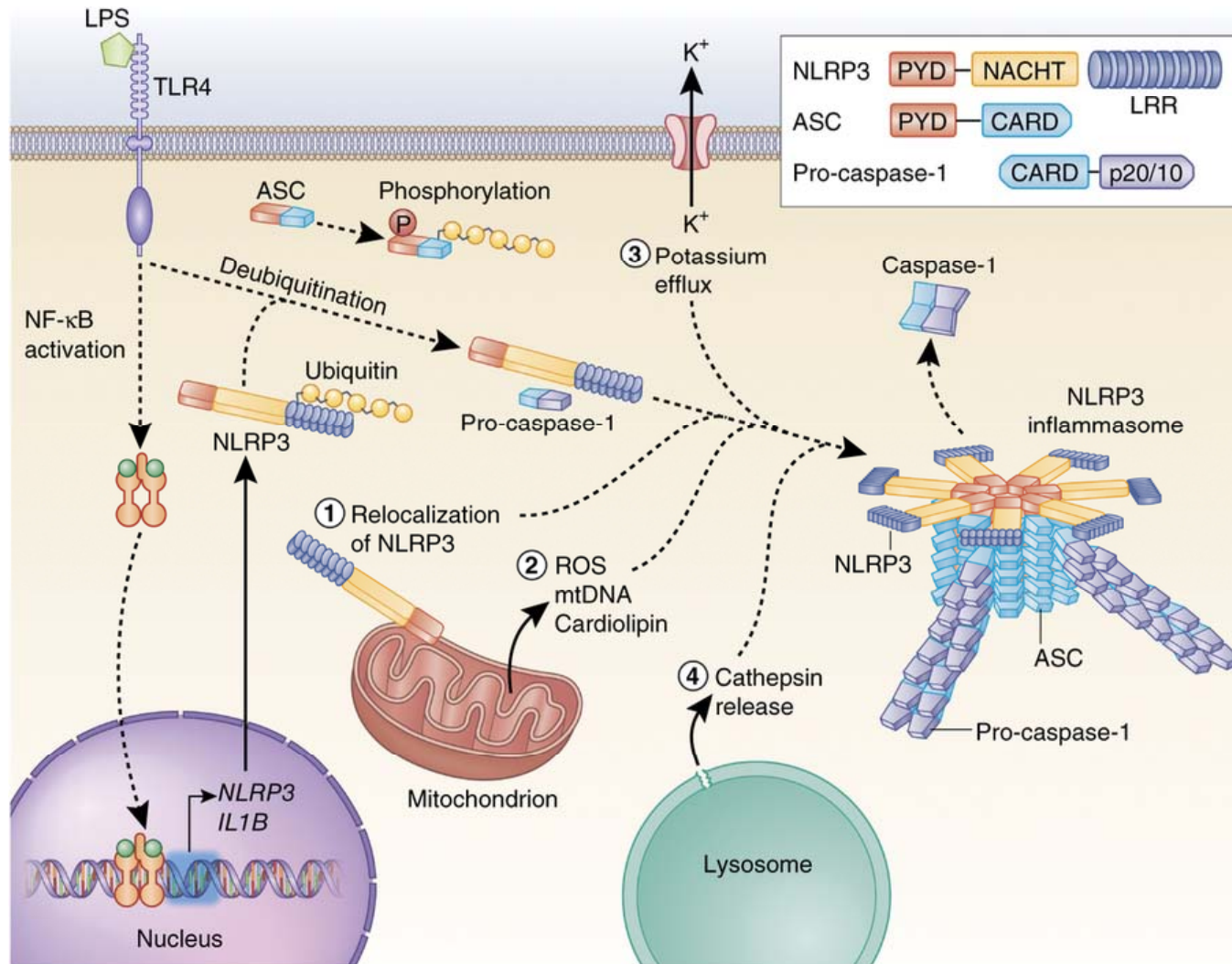
The NAIP protein provides the ligand specificity

NAIP5 and NAIP6 recognise flagellin

Zhou *et al.*, (2011) Nature 477: 596-600

NLRC4/NAIP also activated by Type 3 secretion system rod proteins (e.g. PrgJ)

NLR activation – NLRP3 inflammasome



The NLRP3 inflammasome needs two signals:

Signal 1 – priming

Signal 2 – assembly and activation

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What does the inflammasome look like?



Inflammasome 'speck' formed upon infection of a macrophage with *Salmonella*

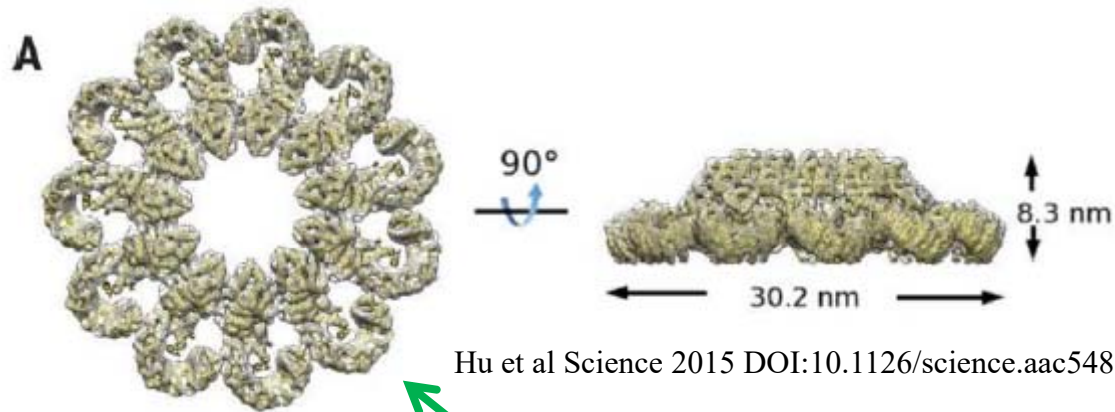
The inflammasome forms a large 'speck' in the cytoplasm. This may associate with specific organelles or cellular substructures.

Inflammasome formation is driven by the protein:protein interactions that commonly involve members of the Death Domain superfamily.

The components of the inflammasome

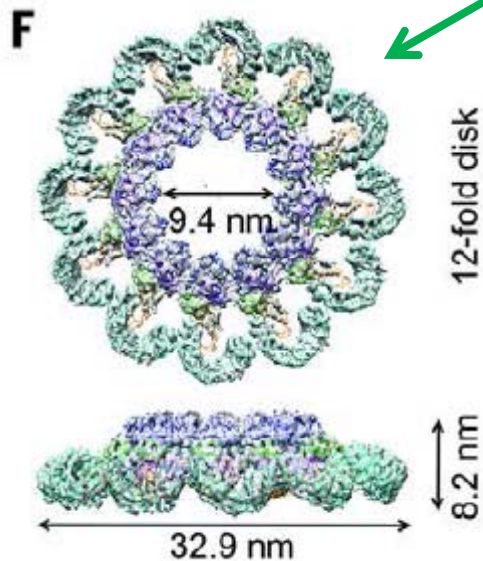
- At the basic level the inflammasome consists of:
 - The adaptor protein ASC (CARD-Pyrin)
 - A relevant PRR (NLRP1, NLRP3, NLRC4/NAIP, AIM2)
 - Inflammatory caspases (Caspase-1)
 - Pro-interleukin-1 β
- **In reality it is more complex than this!**
 - **Multiple PRRs activated**
 - **More than one inflammatory caspase**
 - **Usually a single speck formed in each cell**
 - **Dynamic**

What does the inflammasome 'really' look like?

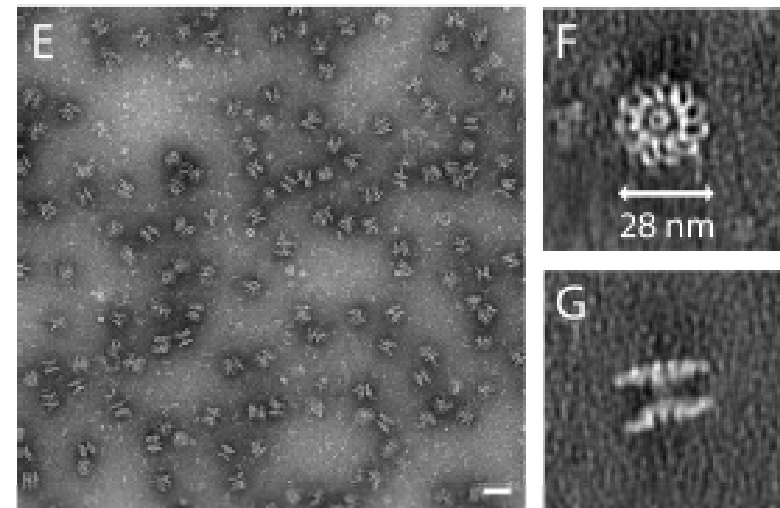


Hu et al Science 2015 DOI:10.1126/science.aac5489

PrgJ/NAIP2/NLRC4



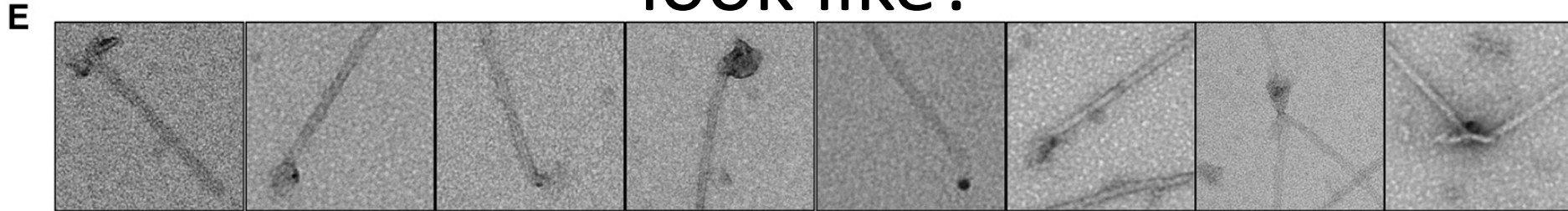
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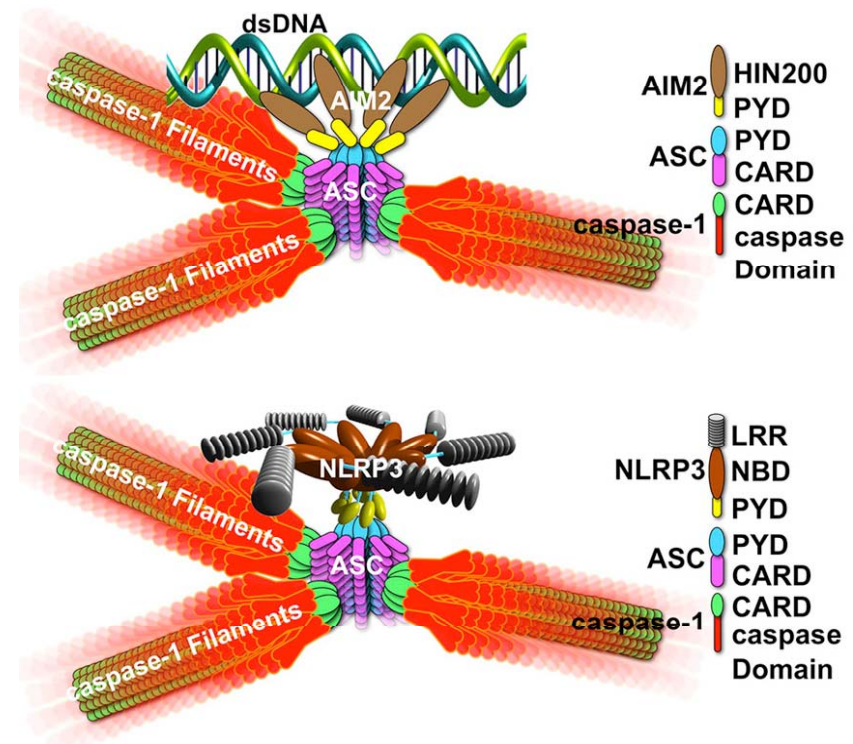
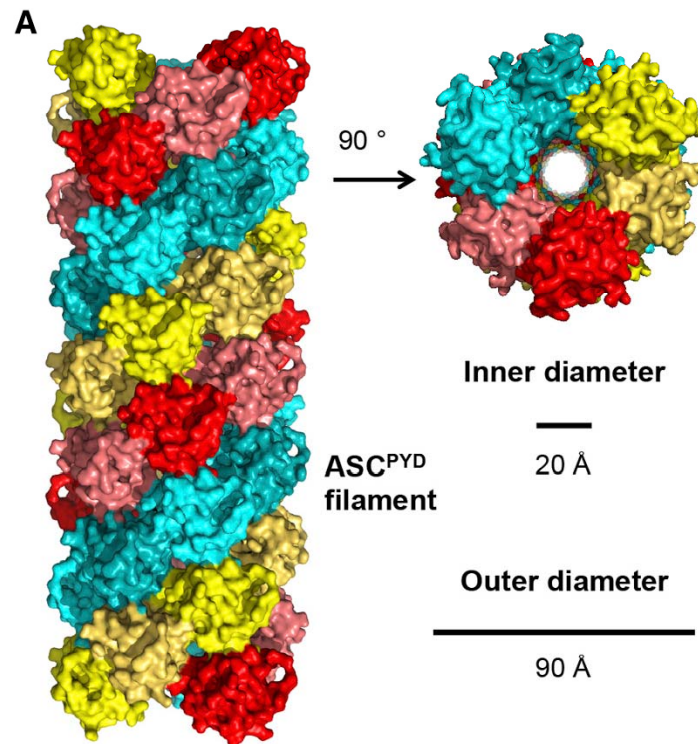
NAIP5/NLRC4

Halff et al Science 2012 287(46): 38460-38472

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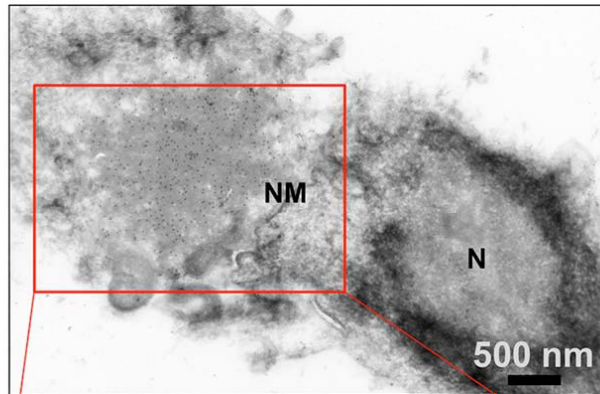


Streptavidin-gold (6 nm) labeling of biotin-NLRP3^{PYD-NBD}/ASC^{PYD}

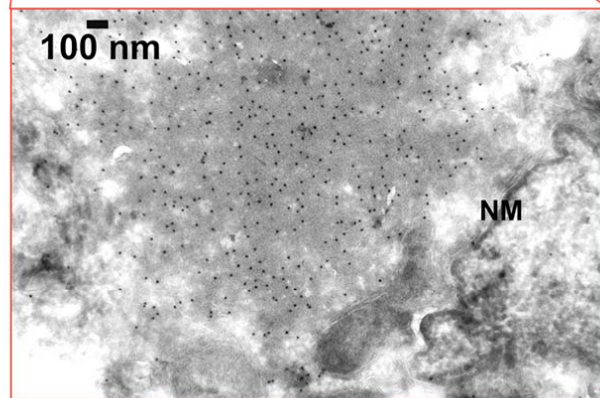


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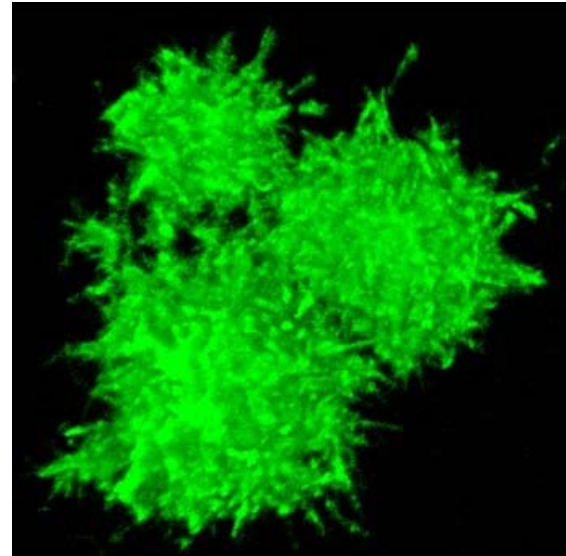
Ultrathin cryosection anti-ASC gold EM



Zoom-in

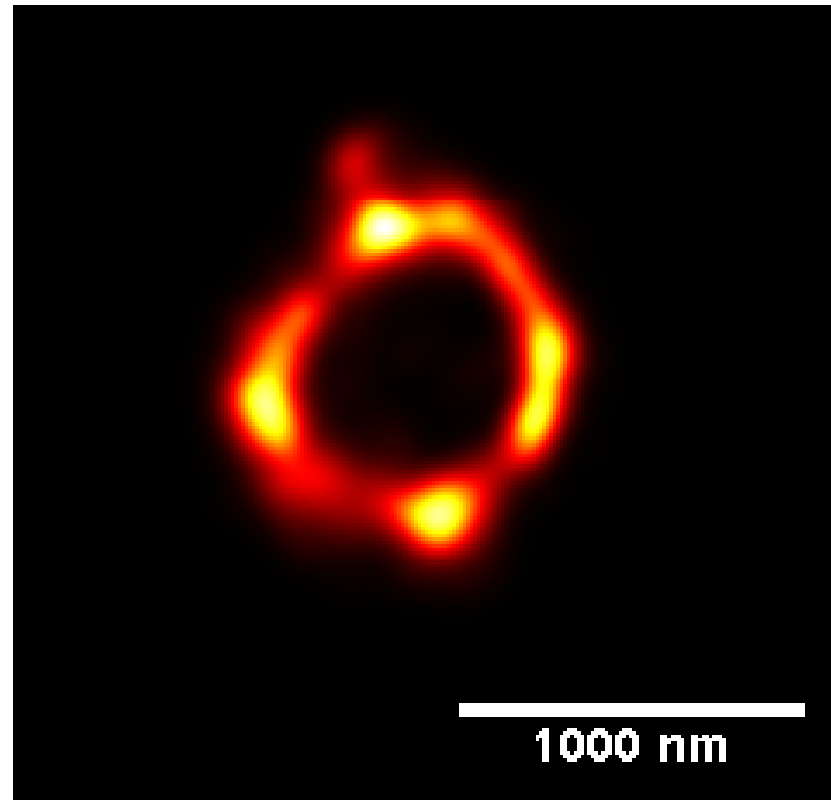
ASC specks forming
filamentous aggregates

Lu et al [Cell. 2014 March 13; 156\(6\): 1193–1206.](#)



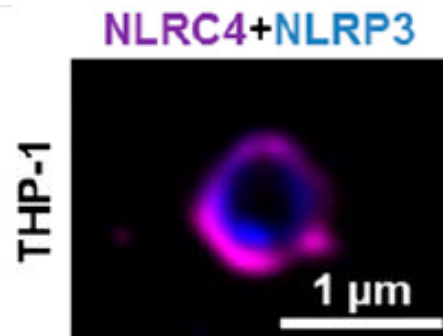
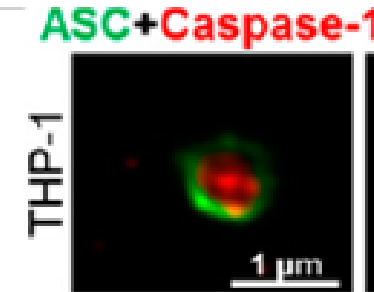
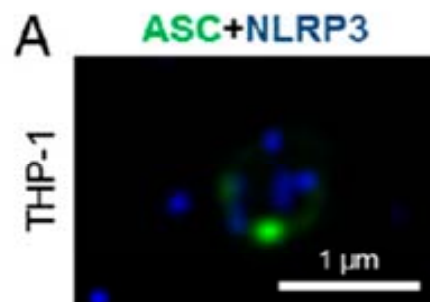
A hairy speck formed
from overexpressed
GFP-ASC (courtesy of E. Latz)

The real deal?

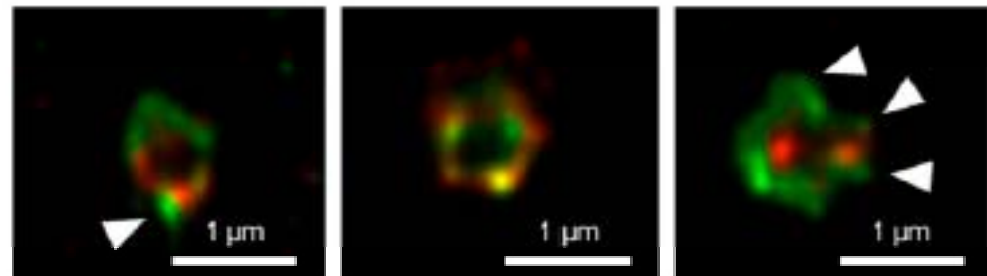


Endogenous inflammasome
(anti-ASC) formed following
Salmonella infection (Man et al 2014
PNAS 111(20) 7403–7408)

The real deal?



B ASC (Green) + Caspase-8 (Red) in primary BMMs infected with *S. Typhimurium*

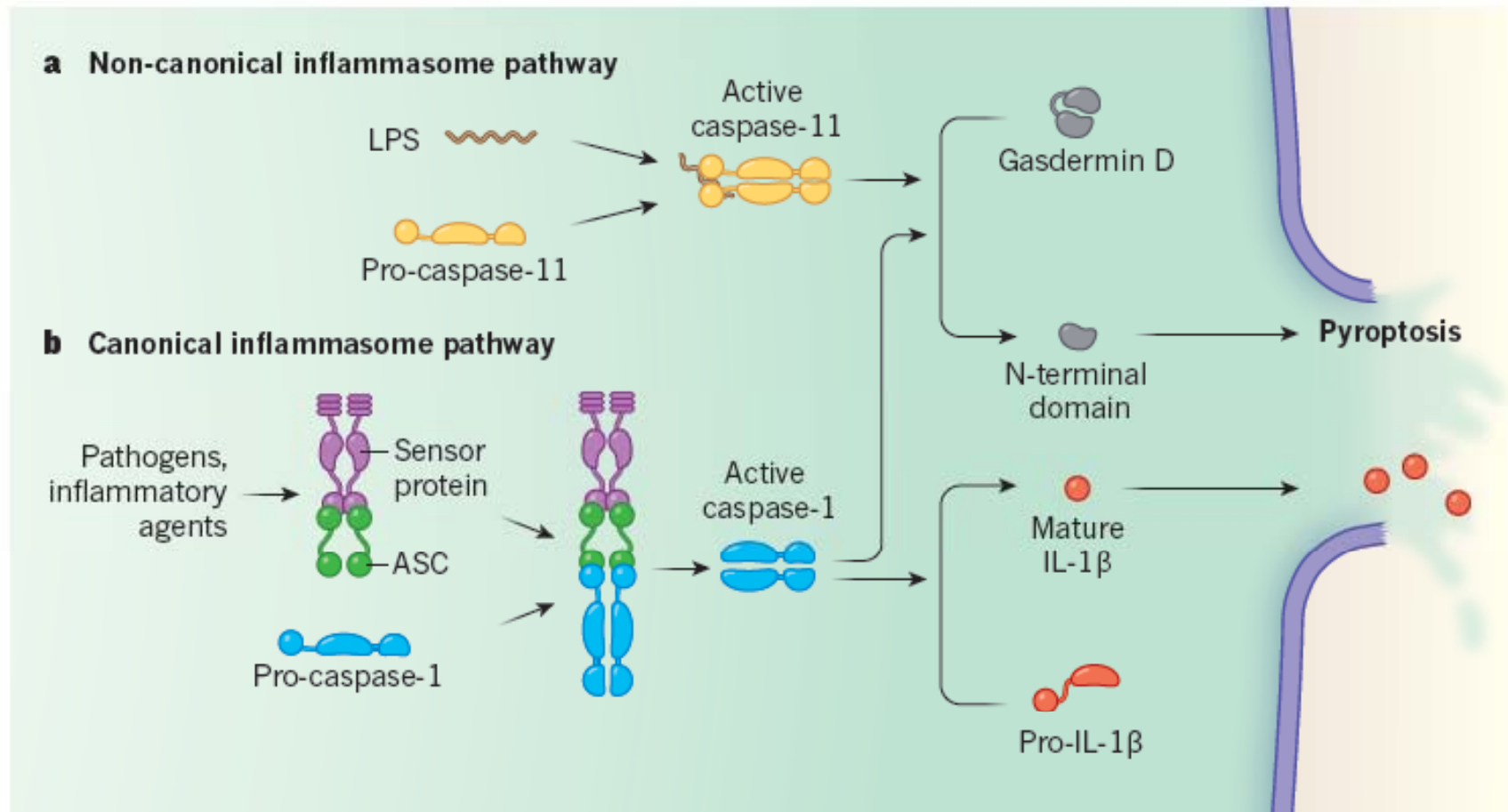


Multiple NLRs and multiple inflammatory caspases in the same speck

Cytoplasmic sensing of LPS – Caspase-11

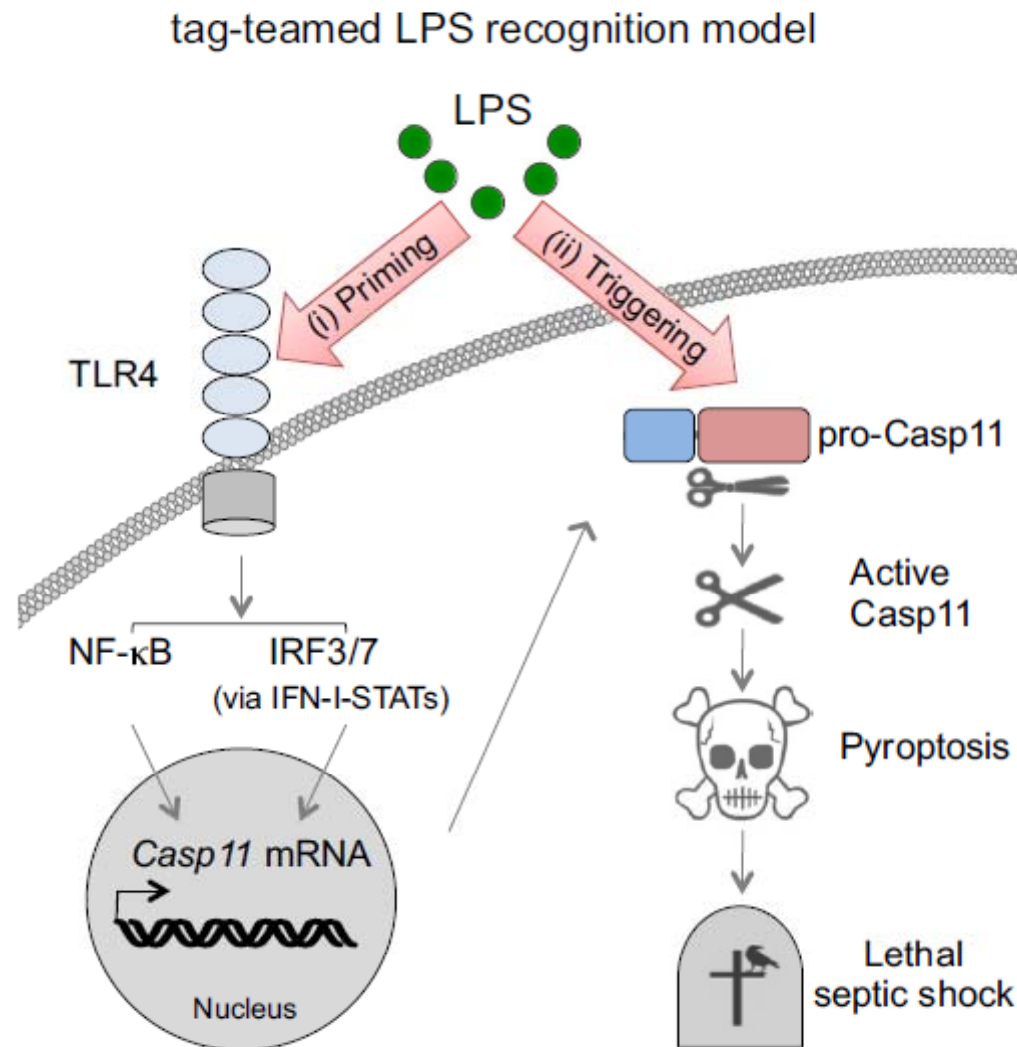
- Extracellular LPS is detected by TLR4/MD2
- Intracellular LPS is recognised by the CARD of pro-caspase-11 (mice) or pro-caspase-4 or 5 (humans) (Shi et al [Nature](#). 2014 Oct 9;514(7521):187-92)
- Caspase-11 stimulation results in cell death by pyroptosis (as does activation of caspase-1)
- Pyroptosis is mediated by caspase-1 or -11 induced cleavage of Gasdermin D
 - Shi et al Nature (2015) doi:10.1038/nature15514,
 - Kayagaki et al Nature (2015) doi:10.1038/nature15541)

Cytoplasmic sensing of LPS – Gasdermin D

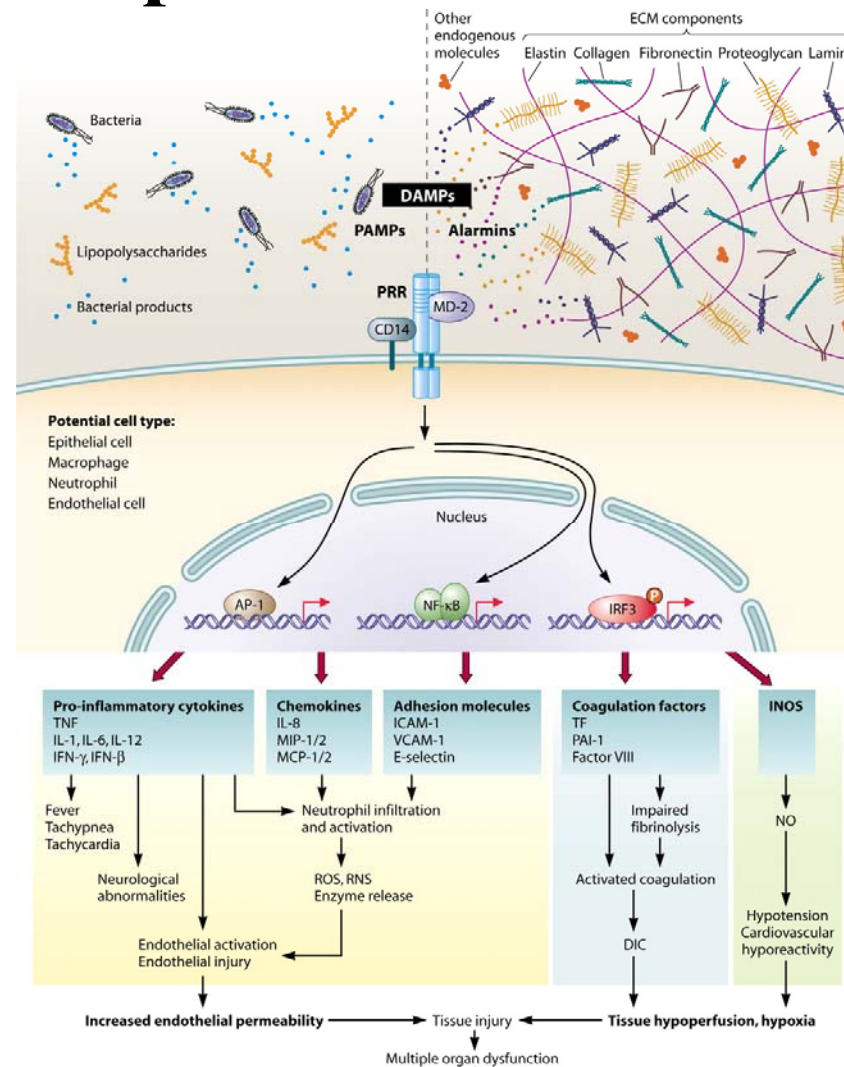


Gasdermin D is cleaved at a conserved DG motif (D276 in mouse) in a recognition sequence that differs from that classically recognised by caspases

Cytoplasmic sensing of LPS – Caspase-11



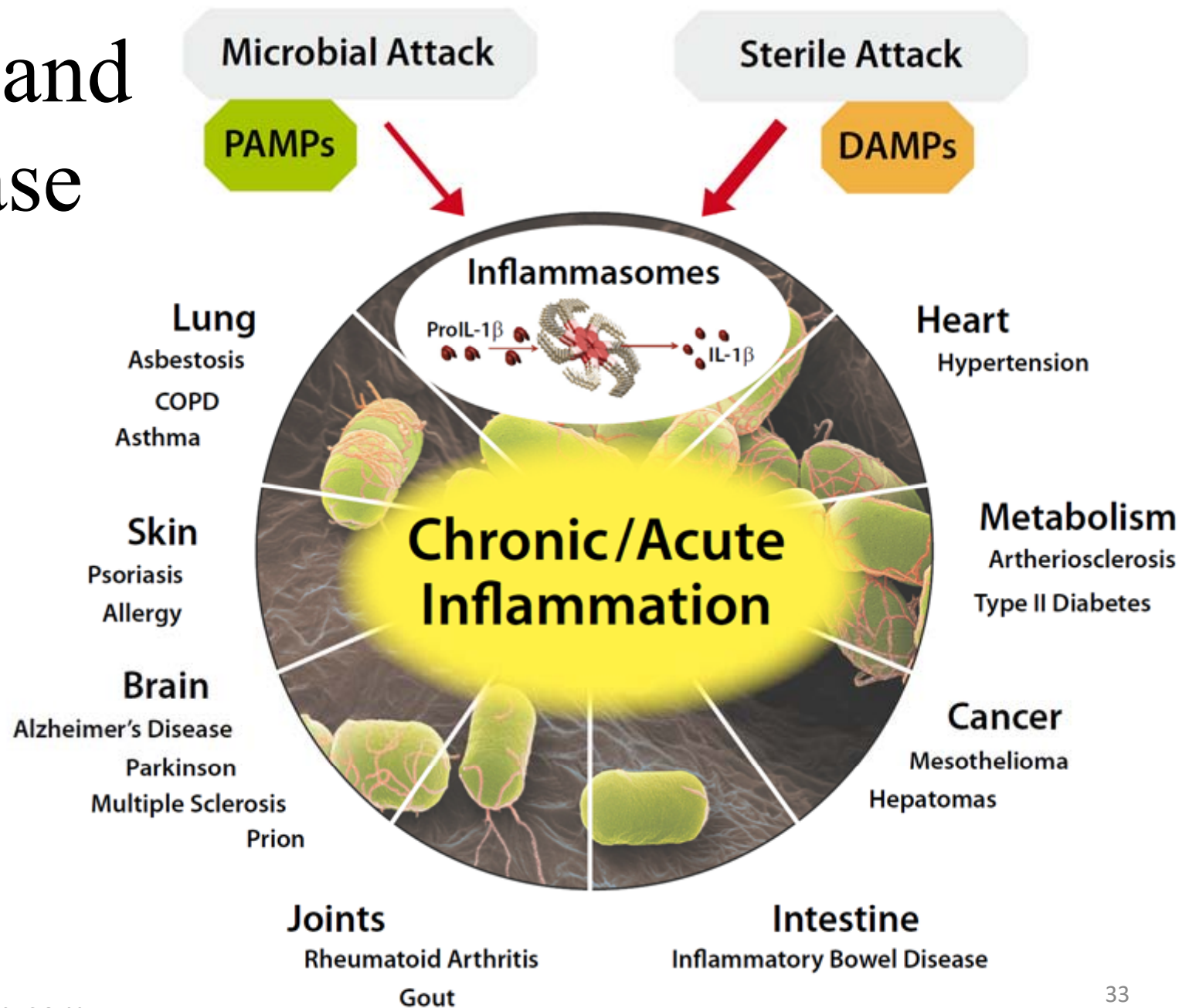
The major pathway and inflammatory mediators of sepsis and its related conditions.



Ineke Vanlaere, and Claude Libert Clin. Microbiol. Rev.
2009;22:224-239

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PRRs and disease



TLR SNPs and infection

NLRs alone
connected to
>50 diseases

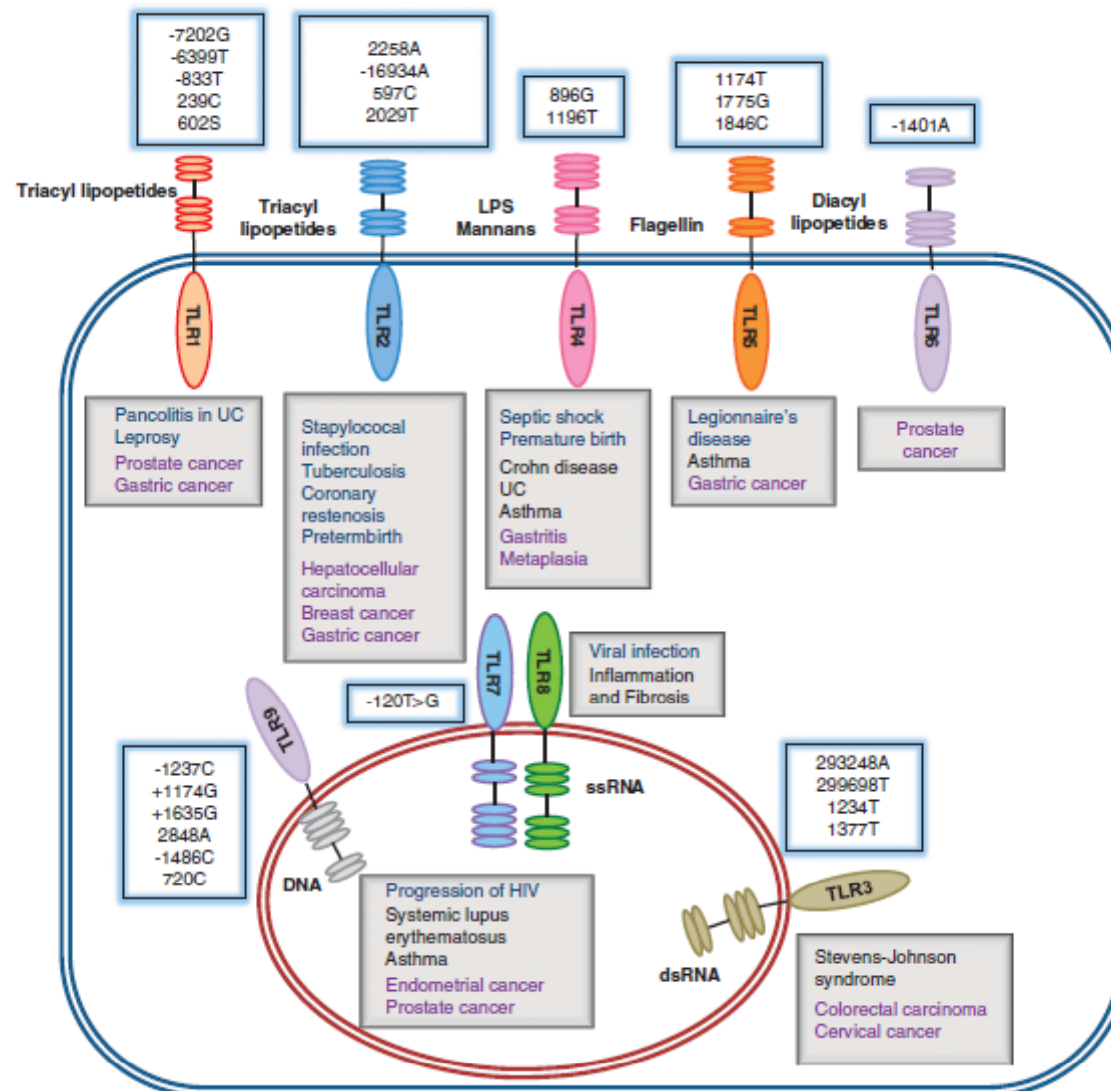
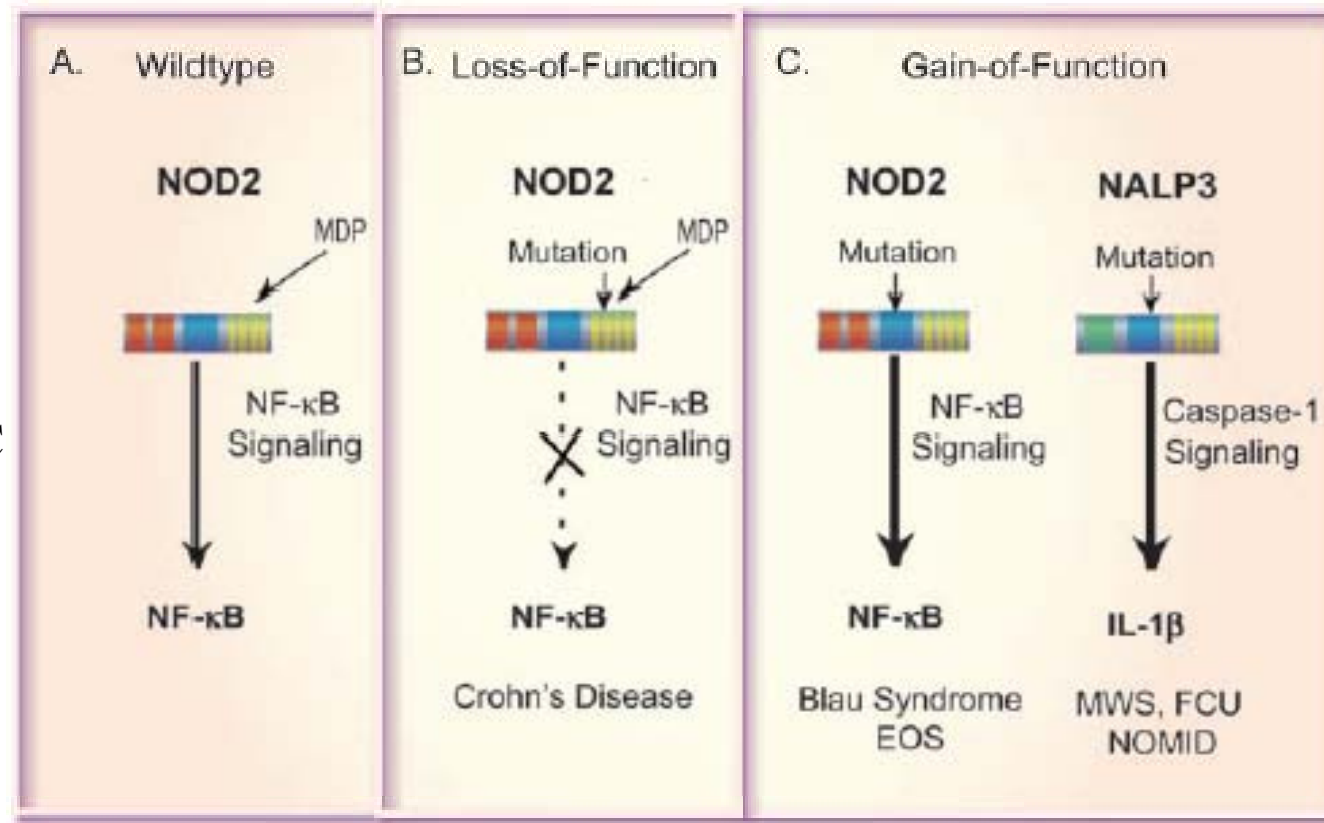


Figure 2. Genetic association between TLRs and susceptibility to infections, inflammatory disease and cancer. dsRNA, double-stranded RNA; ssRNA, single-stranded RNA; UC, ulcerative colitis.

NLR polymorphisms and disease

NOD2 CD:
R702W
G908R
L1007fsincC

NOD2 Blau:
R334Q



NLRP3 MWS:
R260W
A352W
G569R

NLRP3 FCAS:
V198M
A439V
E627G

Gain of function polymorphisms often lead to receptor autoactivation by disrupting the inactive conformation